

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Patrick D. Cottingham,

Plaintiff,

v.

Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of  
Social Security,

Defendant.

C/A No. 0:17-1833-TLW-PJG

**ORDER**

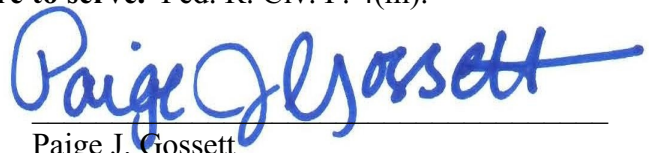
This social security action is before this court pursuant to 42 U.S.C § 405(g) for review of a final decision of the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration. The plaintiff, Patrick D. Cottingham (“Plaintiff”), initiated this action and filed his Complaint on July 12, 2017. (ECF No. 1.)

The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure state that a plaintiff must serve a defendant within 90 days after the complaint is filed and, unless service is waived, must provide proof of service to the court. Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(l)(1) and 4(m). As of the date of this order, more than 90 days has passed since the Plaintiff initiated this action by filing his Complaint, and the Plaintiff has not filed proof of service with the court. It is therefore

**ORDERED** that the Plaintiff shall have until **October 23, 2017** to provide the court with proof of service of the Complaint upon the defendant in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(l)(1), or show good cause for failure to serve pursuant to Rule 4(m). **Failure to do so will result in this case being dismissed for failure to serve.** Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

October 16, 2017  
Columbia, South Carolina

  
Paige J. Gossett  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE